

West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Mission Support Request for Calendar Year 2026

9 August 2025

Coworkers for Christ's Kingdom,

Acting in special session on 4 August 2025, the Synod Council set a mission support formula for calendar year 2026 as follows:

To set the Mission Support Formula for CY2026 at 12.89% of total unrestricted congregational giving (offering), asking that congregations not yet remitting mission support at 12.89% be asked to increase their mission support to 12.89%, while asking congregations at or exceeding 12.89% to not decrease the greater of either their proportional share or nominal contribution.

This represents an increase over the formula for 2025, but it is still below formulae predating 2018.

When your congregation adopts its budget, please complete and submit the Mission Support Pledge Form for Calendar Year 2026. It may be download it (in either pdf or MS-Word) from the synod's Mission Support webpage (<http://wv-wmd.org/congregations/MS/>). Mail it to the synod office (or transmit it via email as a pdf or MS-Word doc to MissionSupport@WV-WMD.org).

If you would like a consultation prior to or after your congregational meeting, please contact me at Bishop@WV-WMD.org or 304-363-4030.

Blessing upon your continued work on the frontlines of ministry. May the Gospel have free course.

In Christ's Service,

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Lynn Riegel, S.T.M.
Bishop